

Sinclair Broadcasting's unfortunate decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election clearly exemplifies the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line, and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at a so called "News Central", it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions clearly show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules now-- not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.